

ADVENT: JESUS CAME TO CONQUER OUR ENEMIES

Luke 1.67-80

WHOSE ENEMIES WILL BE CONQUERED?

Zechariah states in his prophecy that the Redeemer is coming to conquer the enemies of the Jews' forefathers. In other words, these promises are for Israel. Most of us in the American church particularly are not Jewish, but are Gentiles. Thankfully, the Word shows us countless times that we, despite being Gentiles, have been adopted and grafted into the family and commonwealth of Israel!

Romans 9.6-8, 11.11-24 // Ephesians 2.11-3.6

THE PROBLEM OF EVIL

**God allows sorrowful tragedy
to set the stage for surprising triumph.**

1 Corinthians 13.12 // 2 Corinthians 4.8

GOD'S PATIENCE WILL RUN OUT

Romans 2.4, 5

**All things will be made new,
and all sad things will be made untrue.**

-J.R.R. Tolkien,

"The Lord of the Rings" paraphrase, with Revelation 21.5

2 Peter 3.8, 9 // James 5.7-9 // Psalm 30.5
Romans 8.18 // 2 Corinthians 4.16-18

**God is never late, and He is never early.
He is always perfectly on time.**

Ephesians 1.10 // John 7.30 // Deuteronomy 32.35 // Galatians 4.4, 6.9
1 Peter 5.6 // Matthew 8.28, 29

**Justice delayed is not justice denied.
The bible never promises immediate justice,
but it does promise ultimate justice.**

1 Corinthians 15.24-26 // Romans 12.19-21 // 2 Corinthians 2.14-16
Colossians 2.13-15



NOTES:

Other Suggested Resources:

A sermon from Pastor Mark Driscoll on Christ crushing our enemies.
www.marshall.com/media/christ-on-the-cross/iesus-died-to-crush-our-enemies

Daily Devotionals:

Monday: Luke 1.67-80
Tuesday: Romans 9.6-8, 11.11-24 // Ephesians 2.11-3.6
Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 13.12 // 2 Corinthians 4.8 // Romans 2.4, 5
Thursday: 2 Peter 3.8, 9 // James 5.7-9 // Psalm 30.5
Friday: Romans 8.18 // 2 Corinthians 4.17-19 // Matthew 8.28, 29
Saturday: 1 Corinthians 15.24-26 // 2 Corinthians 2.14-16 // Colossians 2.13-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADVENT: THE ARRIVAL OF HOPE

On **Sunday the 22nd** our kids ministry will be putting on their **first ever Christmas** performance, followed by a message especially for people who have a difficult time during the holidays for any number of reasons. Then on the **24th** we will be having two **Christmas Eve services, at 4 & 5:30pm.** It's a wonderful time to **invite friends and family** to one of our Advent services.

SERVANT TRAINING TODAY!

Join us TODAY in the sanctuary a few minutes after service for our servant training meeting. This is not only for those currently serving, but ALSO for those interested in getting involved in the future (specifically in the Usher/Greeter, Connection, and KOM ministries) Childcare will be provided!

CHRISTMAS OUTREACHES

Please see the flyer included in your notes with a suggested list of Christmas outreach opportunities, including **FREE gift wrapping and live music** at Barnes & Noble in Escondido **TONIGHT from 5-9pm.** Also, join us on **Friday the 20th for Christmas caroling** in the Oak Hill neighborhood. If you'd like to get involved with any of these opportunities please **fill out the flyer** and drop it in the offering or at the Connection Booth. If you have any questions, please email **Matt Null at mnull1@yahoo.com**

KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out www.lifemissionchurch.com and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

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Jesus + Nothing = Everything
Reading Plan
First Half of Chapter 11,
pages 165-179

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Luke 1.71-75**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? _____

On Sunday, Jobey talked about how Jesus came to conquer our enemies. Whose enemies will be conquered? And who are the fathers? Read **Micah 7:20, Romans 9.6-8, 11.11-24** and **Ephesians 2.11-3.6**. Who are considered these fathers' "children"? _____

By God's grace, we who are Gentiles have been adopted into the family of Israel! We are "partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." We now share both their promises and victories over their enemies.

Although the Word tells us that God is "slow to anger" and his timing is perfect, *God's patience will run out* on our enemies. Read **Ecclesiastes 12.14, Acts 17.31, and Matthew 8.28-29**. What do these verses say about God's plot against our enemies? _____

Who is the last enemy to be conquered? Read **1 Corinthians 15.24-26**. What do you think the significance is that this is, first of all, called an enemy, and second of all, is the last one to be destroyed? _____

Practically speaking, how does knowing that in God's perfect plan against the enemy, that He will have ultimate vengeance change how you move forward in your life? _____

Read Zechariah's prophecy through **verse 75** again. What did he say should be the result of us seeing the big picture of the Redeemer's victory over our enemies? _____

Why do you think God allows, and even causes, some tragedies and suffering? What truths, or even examples from the Word, can you press into your heart *now* in order to prepare you for the times that you will face your own hardships? _____

Read **James 5.7-9**. How does the example of a farmer help you gain perspective on the times of hardship in your life? _____

Close by reading **Romans 8.18** and **2 Corinthians 4.16-18**. Pray as a group thanking God for sending Jesus to save us from our enemies, and asking Him to press these truths into our minds to give us an eternal perspective on our life each and every day.